

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 4 and add new Claim 9 to read as follows:

1. (Original) A method of attaching a hair-thickening hair material comprising: an own-hair insertion step for inserting own hairs into a hair-thickening hair material fixture from one end thereof, said fixture being mainly composed of a rubber or a resin, formed in a tube form, and can shrink by heating; a hair material insertion step for inserting a hair-thickening hair material into a hair-thickening hair material fixture from the other end thereof; and a heating step, succeeding to said own-hair insertion step and said hair material insertion step, for heating said hair-thickening hair material fixture to thereby allow it to shrink, wherein said hair-thickening fixture has an adhesive layer which comprises a thermoplastic resin, formed on the inner circumferential surface thereof.

2. (Original) The method of attaching a hair-thickening hair material as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said inner circumferential surface of said hair-thickening hair material fixture has formed thereon a large number of piles individually having a hooked end.

3. (Original) The method of attaching a hair-thickening hair material as claimed in Claim 1 or 2, wherein said hair-thickening hair material is configured so that a plurality of hair-thickening hairs are bundled at one end using an adhesive.

4. (Currently amended) The method of attaching a hair-thickening hair material as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1 or 2, wherein said inner circumferential surface of said hair-thickening hair material fixture comprises a portion having said piles formed therein, and a portion having said adhesive layer which comprises a thermoplastic resin formed therein.

5. (Original) A hair-thickening hair material fixture mainly composed of a rubber or a resin, formed in a tube form, capable of shrinking by heating, having a space through which own hairs and a hair-thickening hair material can be inserted, and having on the inner circumferential surface thereof an adhesive layer composed of a thermoplastic resin.

6. (Original) The hair-thickening hair material fixture as claimed in Claim 5, having on the inner circumferential surface thereof a large number of piles which rise up from said inner circumferential surface towards the center direction, and individually having a hooked end.

7. (Original) The hair-thickening hair material fixture as claimed in Claim 6, wherein said inner circumferential surface comprises a portion having said piles formed therein and a portion having said adhesive layer which comprises a thermoplastic resin formed therein.

8. (Original) The hair-thickening hair material fixture as claimed in Claim 6 or 7, wherein said piles are formed so as to extend from one end to the other end of said inner circumferential surface.

9. (New) The method of attaching a hair-thickening hair material as claimed in Claim 3, wherein said inner circumferential surface of said hair-thickening hair material fixture comprises a portion having said piles formed therein, and a portion having said adhesive layer which comprises a thermoplastic resin formed therein.
